

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -  
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules  
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202  
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,  
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,  
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

To: The Secretary, FCC Commissioners, and Chief, Media Bureau

With respect to:  
Docket No. 02-277,  
the Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

Its goals to promote competition, diversity and local voices are more important than ever. Please retain all of the current media ownership rules. They serve the public interest by limiting the market power of already huge companies in the broadcast industry.

The FCC studies have not exposed the huge cost that media deregulation and consolidation have had on diversity. The spectrum of views has shrunk severely.

The founding fathers never imagined that their country's media would be dominated by huge corporate interests. Their media was rich with independent voices. They would have viewed the kind of mergers we are seeing today as stifling national voices and the national character. We need diverse media and diverse voices.

Please do not lessen the media ownership rules.

Please continue with the plan to hold a public hearing on this matter in Richmond, VA in February 2003. Please also hold similar hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible participation from the public. Please do not make these decisions in your private offices. This issue is crucial to the fabric of our country. Please have the FCC Commissioners visit those of us who do not want our freedom of speech to be sold to the highest bidder. Our media is not just a financial issue, but has always been a prime foundation of our country.

Please give us, the American people, a meaningful say in the process.

Thank you,

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